

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

## **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 to 12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) The fuel-injection system as recited in Claim ~~42~~ 16, wherein the second fuel-distributor line is disposed in parallel to the first fuel-distributor line.

14. (Previously Presented) The fuel-injection system as recited in Claim 13, wherein the second fuel-distributor line is connected to the first fuel-distributor line by soldering.

15. (Currently Amended) The fuel-injection system as recited in Claim ~~42~~ 16, wherein the lance is connected to the second fuel-distributor line by soldering.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A fuel-injection system as recited in Claim ~~12~~, for injection of fuel into an internal combustion engine, comprising:

at least one fuel injector;

a first fuel-distributor line connected to the at least one fuel injector; and

a second fuel-distributor line connected to the at least one fuel injector by a lance;

wherein the lance penetrates the first fuel-distributor line.

17. (Currently Amended) The fuel-injection system as recited in Claim ~~42~~ 16, wherein the lance extends into a supply-line nipple of the at least one fuel injector.

18. (Previously Presented) The fuel-injection system as recited in Claim 17, wherein the lance has a diameter of approximately 4 mm.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ A fuel-injection system ~~as recited in Claim 17,~~  
for injection of fuel into an internal combustion engine, comprising:

at least one fuel injector;

a first fuel-distributor line connected to the at least one fuel injector; and

a second fuel-distributor line connected to the at least one fuel injector by a lance;

wherein the lance extends into a supply-line nipple of the at least one fuel injector; and

wherein a non-return valve is provided inside the lance.

20. (Previously Presented) The fuel-injection system as recited in Claim 19,  
wherein the non-return valve includes a ball valve having a spring.

21. (Previously Presented) The fuel-injection system as recited in Claim 17,  
wherein the at least one fuel injector is connected to the first fuel-distributor line via  
an intake.

22. (Previously Presented) A method for injecting fuel into a combustion  
chamber of an internal combustion engine with the aid of a fuel-injection system  
having at least one fuel injector, a first fuel-distributor line connected to the at least  
one fuel injector, and a second fuel-distributor line connected to the at least one fuel  
injector by a lance, the method comprising the steps:

a) conveying start-up fuel into the at least one fuel injector via the second fuel-  
distributor line and the lance, whereby rinsing of the fuel injector is achieved;

b) conveying start-up fuel into the at least one fuel injector via the second fuel-  
distributor line and the lance, and substantially simultaneously actuating the at least  
one fuel injector to inject the start-up fuel into the combustion chamber of the internal  
combustion engine;

c) repeating the steps a) and b) until a desired operating temperature of the  
internal combustion engine has been reached; and

d) conveying fuel for normal engine operation into the at least one fuel injector  
via the first fuel-distributor line and an intake, and substantially simultaneously  
actuating the at least one fuel injector to inject the fuel for normal engine operation  
into the combustion chamber of the internal combustion engine.